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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 5:37 AM

To: Ed Fogels; Tom Irwin; Denby Lloyd

Cc: Chip Abernathy; Sue Aspelund; Richard Mylius; Marty Rutherford; Governor Sarah Palin; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); talis_colberg@law.state.ak.us

Subject: Governor's Meeting with Deputy Secretary Scarlett/Brief Summary

Below is a brief summary of the issues discussed in Governor Palin's recent meeting with Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett:

- Natural Gas Pipeline - Marty outlined the essential components of AGIA. The Deputy Secretary was interested, but there was general recognition that Interior's authority is limited to granting a right-of-way for the gas pipeline.
- State's Energy Education Campaign - We outlined the major elements of our draft energy education campaign, emphasizing the message that Alaska is ready and willing to provide secure domestic supplies of oil and natural gas to the nation. There was agreement that the State and DOI should work together as specific issues arise, such as ANWR, NPR-A, and OCS development.
- Endangered Species Act/Polar Bears - We outlined the State's concerns with the existing database, the reliability of computer models, and possible impacts on human activity. There was discussion of climate change as a predicate for ESA listings. The Deputy Secretary was very much aware of the polar bear issue. She indicated that the USGS will work with the USFWS to assess the adequacy of data and methodology.
- Subsistence Use - While indicating that some progress has been made, we outlined the State's concerns with the decision making process of the Federal Subsistence Board and said that the Board has failed to meet Secretarial deadlines for reviewing and modifying its decisional processes. The Deputy Secretary said that the analysis of customary trade had been slowed by pending litigation (which DOI will be discussing further with the Justice Department), that the closure regulations are almost complete, and that the internal review of FSB procedures continues.
- King Cove Road - The Deputy Secretary was very familiar with this issue. We thanked her for her previous involvement. It is expected that the USFWS will support the land exchange in the event of future Congressional hearings.
- State and Native Land Conveyance Process - We expressed concern that final entitlements will not be fulfilled by the deadline in the 2009 legislation and that funding cuts in the President's budget will retard the process. The Deputy Secretary said that land transfers should be completed relatively soon after 2009, with surveys some time thereafter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Kari Spencer [kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 12:21 PM
To: Todd Palin; 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: John S Stephenson; Gary R Wheeler; Stepovich; Melissa M (GOV); Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Governor Palin Invite

Hi Governor and First Gentleman, I've pasted below the letter from the Fairbanks Ice event inviting the entire Palin family—just so you know about it. Kari.

March 1, 2007

Dear Governor Palin and Family,

The family of Ice Alaska would like to invite the entire Palin family to take part in the awards ceremony of Ice Alaska. This year's theme is ***"The Greatest Show In Ice"*** and it would be the ICEing on the cake to have the children as part of the ***big show!***

The ceremony begins at 8:00pm at the Ice Park, and it would be an honor to have the Palin children participate in the handing out of the golden chisels to the winning artists'.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Ice Park on Saturday, March 10!

Sincerely,

Dick Brickley
Ice Alaska

Kari Spencer
Governor's Scheduler
907-465-3986 phone; 907-465-3889 fax

From: Dick Brickley [mailto:Iceart@icealaska.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 11:29 AM
To: kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: Melissa Stepovich
Subject: Governor Palin Invite

Hello from Fairbanks, Alaska the ice sculpting capital of the world. Please find attached a letter inviting Governor Palin and family to participate in the 2007 awards ceremony the evening of March 10th. If you need to contact me for anything you can reach me on my cell at 907-388-6675. Thanks and have an "ice" day. Dick

Unknown

From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 3:06 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); Patrick S Galvin; bruceanders888 @hotmail.com; Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: FW: RE: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

Sarah Palin

-----Original Message-----

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Great.but that's not what I was told.

Sarah Palin

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Bitney"<john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>

To: "'Sarah Palin'"<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: christopher_clark@gov.state.ak.us; sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us; "'Karen Rehfeld'"<karen_rehfeld@gov.state.ak.us>; "'Meghan Stapleton'"<meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Sent: 2/28/07 9:45 PM

Subject: RE: RE: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

Governor:

Please be aware that the $300 million was not specifically set aside by the Legislature for gasline investment. The Legislature set the money aside as a savings account for capital expenditures...and they don't necessarily take it for granted that this money HAS TO be used towards gasline investments.

My recommendation is that we Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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Thanks

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Meghan N Stapleton [mailto:meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 9:20 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: christopher_clark@gov.state.ak.us; sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us; sharon_busch@gov.state.ak.us; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; melanie_lesh@dnr.state.ak.us; marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us; mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Re: RE: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

By the way, Steve Quinn did pick up on the fact and he clarified it with me right after the press conference. Should be in tomorrow's papers...

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 7:13 pm

Subject: RE: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

To: christopher_clark@gov.state.ak.us, meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us, sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us, sharon_busch@gov.state.ak.us

Cc: joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us, melanie_lesh@dnr.state.ak.us,
marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us, mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us,
john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us, mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us

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> Sarah Palin
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: "Christopher Clark"<christopher_clark@gov.state.ak.us>
> To: "'Meghan N Stapleton'"<meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>;
>"'Sharon Leighow'"<sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>; "'Sharon
> Busch'"<sharon_busch@gov.state.ak.us>Cc: "'Joe
> Balash'"<joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>; "'Melanie
> Lesh'"<melanie_lesh@dnr.state.ak.us>; "'Marty
> Rutherford'"<marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>; "'Michael
> Tibbles'"<mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>Sent: 2/28/07 1:18 PM
> Subject: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion
> dollar capital outlay
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Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 2:19 AM
To: Rutherford; Martha K (DNR)
Subject: FW: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

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Sarah Palin

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Subject: Re: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

Got it, thanks. I didn't remember the earlier money was set aside--was it actually appropriated or is it merely a part of our surplus? (The 300 million)

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Karen Rehfeld; annette_kreitzer@admin.state.ak.us <annette_kreitzer@admin.state.ak.us>; S Parnell

Sent: Wed Feb 28 19:12:37 2007

Subject: FW: KINY: Palin gas line proposal calls for one-half billion dollar capital outlay

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To read his print version, see below (from http://www.kinyradio.com/juneaunews/latest_juneau_news.html)

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Cc: Chip Abernathy; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Gas Pipeline/DC Strategy

In the aftermath of your visits to DC, I think that there is evolving consensus within the Administration about how to deal with Congress and the Federal agencies on the gas pipeline.

When convenient for everyone, I would suggest a conference call to compare notes and to discuss future strategy and its implementation. If you agree, I will take responsibility for scheduling something.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 10:29 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Patrick S Galvin; bruceanders888@hotmail.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: RE: Tax break

Pls have someone there

Pls coordinate w/ tibbles

Sarah Palin

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From: "Karen Rehfeld"<karen_rehfeld@gov.state.ak.us>

To: "Sarah Palin"<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us; sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us; patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us; bruceanders888 @hotmail.com; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us; tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us

Sent: 3/1/07 8:05 AM

Subject: Re: Tax break

Governor - It may be helpful for someone from our gas team to be at the budget roll out press briefing today to be able to field questions on pipeline integrity - I did not want to discuss the AGIA fiscal notes/impacts today although I am certain there will be questions on that also. Bitney will be at the press event also - KJR

Sarah Palin wrote:

>I sure don't like all the focus on incentives/tax breaks/changes in oil-gas tax rates, etc. I don't like that focus and we sure havnt concluded where we are on all those fiscal aspects. Sure comes across as sounding just like murky's give aways - the same give aways the public said 'no' to... So we need a more reasonable explanation of our intentions here with any and all tax considerations .

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>Also, we're still viewed as 'loosening up' slope oversight ever since AND headline last week -sen.murkowski even was pretty appalled by the intimation that we're not ramping up oversight ... We corrected her but she's still concerned . Pls look into hiring Privileged or Privilege again for a position there. I don't want to mess around there and diminish public confidence in my commitment to beef up oversight .

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>Sarah Palin

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Karen J. Rehfeld

Office of Management & Budget

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From: S R Parnell [sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 7:35 AM
To: govpalin@yahoo.com
Subject: Gasline op-eds

FYI

----- Original Message -----

From S R Parnell <sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us>

Date Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:33:37 -0900

To Kate Morgan <kate_morgan@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc 'Meghan Stapleton' <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject Re: Slight Change

All,

Obviously, if the ADN is only willing to print one op-ed piece it should be the governor's. Second, if they run two then mine should follow the governor's.

Finally, if the ADN doesn't run mine...let's look to other newspapers (Newsminer, Frontiersman, Clarion) that might carry it. Thanks.

Sean

----- Original Message -----

From: Kate Morgan <kate_morgan@gov.state.ak.us>

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 12:28 pm

Subject: Slight Change

To: 'Meghan Stapleton' <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>, 'S Parnell' <sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us>

> I'm sorry for the excessive amount of emailing, but I did just get
> a call

> from Larry, and he said that Matt Zencey had not checked with him
> firstbefore emailing me. Larry said he'd wait to see both pieces
> and decide
> which one, or two, to run at that time. So Meg, if you have any
> questionsabout this, feel free to email or call me or call Larry
> at 351-8276 (the
> line he's been calling me from). Thanks!
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> Kate Morgan
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> Special Assistant/Communications
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> Office of the Lieutenant Governor
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> (907) 269-0328
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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 1:43 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Op ed

"Yes" on the Character idea like we did in Wasilla !

Sarah Palin

-----Original Message-----

From: "S R Parnell"<sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us>

To: "Sarah Palin"<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Sent: 2/24/07 5:52 PM

Subject: Re: Op ed

Yes, but I'm cleaning it up some after getting comments from Marty and Talis.
However, I raised the points in two speeches last night in Fbx (Republican Lunch and Lincoln Dinner)[see Fbx News Miner article--they only got part of it, but it's a start].

I also wanted to raise an idea with you since I found out you were involved as Mayor in making Wasilla a City of Character. What if you took it a step farther and made Alaska a State of Character. You could appoint a "Character Council" of private sector people to lead the charge and in state government we could begin to focus on character traits--I've got more on this but since you've already done it on a city level I think it's the next step for you/us beyond the ethics debate.

I told Kris Perry that I was working on bringing you a proposal (Jay Pullins is helping me in my office.

Enjoy DC!

Sean

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007 9:20 am

Subject: Op ed

To: sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us

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> Great job on the op-ed, lt. Gov. Are you going to submit?

> Sarah Palin

From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 12:23 PM
To: Meghan N Stapleton; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Tom E Irwin; Martha K Rutherford; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Patrick S Galvin; Bruce F Anders; Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Cc: Meghan N Stapleton; Sharon W Leighow
Subject: RE: Fwd: tonight

What event is tonight?

Sarah Palin

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From: "Meghan N Stapleton"<meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us; marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us; bruce_anders@dnr.state.ak.us

Cc: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us; sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us

Sent: 3/1/07 9:40 AM

Subject: Fwd: tonight

This will certainly be our "problem" now. As I work on the Governor's talking points for tomorrow, could you please advise me of any specifics that were not released yesterday and that the media would be interested in - in terms of the AGIA rollout. We need the headlines to stay strong and not fade.

Please note that the Commissioners do not need to stay late for Bill now; however, Sabra Ayers with the Anchorage Daily News may have a few questions after the briefing.

Thanks,

Meg

Unknown

From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 3:58 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: welcome home!

Governor,

Kris has decided to be your designee for Alaska Statehood Celebration. Linda Perez, Law, and Ethics signed off on it. It's similar to you designating heads of departments to boards. We are finally going to see some progress! I had a great time up north with Kris, by the way. I told her it was refreshing to be working with her again because of our inherent belief in you, etc, etc, etc. We were getting fired up talking about bureaucracy and other things. We had a good time though.

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You'll see from Kari that Mike, Mike, Denby and I are hoping to sit down with you Monday re: North Pacific. We need to decide the 6 nominations so I can get them going on all of their paper work, background checks, finger printing, etc.

Okay, that's all I'll bother you with for now. I hope you had a great trip! Tell Piper I miss her!

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